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**Japanese Politics and Diplomacy**

**Fall 2014**

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**Course Objectives**:

This course is designed to give an overall picture of contemporary Japanese party politics and diplomacy. Mostly postwar period of Japan would be covered in this course. Topics in this course encompass such issues as how postwar Japan is different from the prewar Japan?; why and how did the 1955 system develop and decline; why did Japan experience major transformation in the 1990s; why did the LDP lose power and how did the DPJ gain power?; what are the basic nature of Japanese foreign and security policy?; and, how do the Japanese define their national identity and strategy?

**Course Prerequisites**:

There are no prior perquisites for this course. Also students are not required to have knowledge about the Japanese language, though students can gain more if they know the Japanese. Also, if students are equipped with political science jargons, they can get more from this course. However, one does not have to be a political scientist to take this course.

**Course Packet**:

Course packet would be available for this course. In the first week of the class, students who want to purchase the package should report to the teaching assistant of this course by the morning of September 5, Friday. They are supposed to receive the packet by September 12th because of thanksgiving holidays. In order to purchase the packet, due amount should be paid when you pick up the packet. If you do not want to purchase the packet, you are still encouraged to report it to the TA in advance.

**Requirements and Evaluation:**

Attendance: 20 percent

Mid-term Essay: 30 percent (Mid-term period: 5 pages)

Final Research Paper: 50 percent (Final period: 12 Pages)

**Organization of the Classes**

**September 3. Introduction and Course Overview**

<Required Readings>

Cheol Hee Park, “Japanese Political Studies in South Korea,” *Japanese Journal of*

*Political Science* (2010 forthcoming).

<Recommended Readings>

Cheol Hee Park, “미국의 전략적 이해와 일본정치연구“ 국제지역연구 (2004)”

Takashi Inoguchi, “Japanese Political Studies in Japan,” (unpublished)

**September 10. Postwar Reconfiguration of Japanese Politics**

<Required Readings>

John Dower, *Embracing Defeat: Japan in the Wake of the World War II* (New York: The

New Press, 1999), chapter 2.

Michael Schaller, *Altered States: The United States and Japan since the Occupation* (New

York: Oxford University Press, 1997), chapter 1.

Carol Gluck, “The Past in the Present,” in Andrew Gordon, ed. *Postwar Japan as*

*History* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1993), pp.64-98.

<Recommended Readings>

Kazuo Kawai, *Japan’s American Interlude* (Chicago: The University of Chicago

Press, 1960)

Theodore Cohen, *Remaking Japan: The American Occupation as New Deal* (New

York: Free Press, 1987)

Mark Caprio and Yoneyuki Sugita, *Democracy in Occupied Japan* (New York:

Routledge, 2007), chapters 3 & 5.

**September 17. The Rise and Fall of the 1955 System**

<Required Readings>

Gerald Curtis, *The Japanese Way of Politics* (New York: Columbia University Press,

1988), chapter 1.

Kent Calder, *Crisis and Compensation: Public Policy and Political Stability in Japan, 1949-*

*1986* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1988), chapters 4.

Ethan Scheiner, *Democracy without Competition in Japan* (New York: Cambridge

University Press, 2006), chapters 5 & 6.

Junko Kato, “When the Party Breaks Up: Exit and Voice among Japanese

Legislators,” *American Political Science Review* 92:4 (1998), pp. 857-870.

<Recommended Readings>

Gerald Curtis, *Election Campaigning Japanese-style* (Tokyo: Kodansha International,

1971).

Bradley Richardson, *Japanese Democracy: Power, Coordination and Performance* (New

Haven: Yale University Press, 1997), introduction.

J.J. Stockwin, *Governing Japan: Divided Politics in a Resurgent Economy* (Oxford:

Blackwell Publishers, 1999). Chapter 9.

Mark Ramseyer and Frances Rosenbluth, *Japan’s Political marketplace* (Cambridge:

Harvard University Press, 1993), chapters 2 & 6.

Masaru Kohno, *Japan’s Postwar Party Politics* (Princeton: Princeton University Press,

1997), chapter 8.

Raymond Christensen, *Ending the LDP Hegemony* (Honolulu: University of Hawaii

Press, 2000), chapters 1 & 2.

**September 24. Restructuring in the 1990s and Road to Regime Change**

<Required Readings>

Gerald Curtis, *The Logic of Japanese Politics* (New York: Columbia University Press,

1999), chapters 3 & 5.

T.J. Pempel, *Regime Shift* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1998), chapter 5.

Aiji Tanaka and Sherry Martin, “The New Independent Voters and the Evolving

Japanese Party System,” *Asian Perspective* 27:3 (2003), pp. 21-51.

Ellis Krauss and Robert Pekkanen, “The Rise and Fall of Japan’s Liberal Democratic

Party,” *Journal of Asian Studies* 69:1 (February 2010), pp.5-15.

<Recommended Readings>

Cheol Hee Park, “Factional Dynamics in Japan’s LDP since Political Reform,” *Asian*

*Survey* 41:3 (2001)

Cheol Hee Park, ”Dynamics of Regime Transformation in Japan in the 1990s,”

*Japanese Journal of Political Science* (2004)

Steven Reed and Kay Shimizu, “Avoiding a Two-Party System: The Liberal

Democratic Party versus Duverger’s Law,” in Steven Reed, Kenneth McElwain, and Kay Shimizu, eds. *Political Change in Japan* (Stanford: APARC, 2009), pp.29-46.

Imai Ryosuke and Ikuo Kabashima, “LDP’s Defeat in Crucial Single-seat

Constituencies of the 2007 Upper House Election,” *Social Science Japan Journal,* 11:2 (Winter 2008), pp. 277-293.

**October 1. DPJ as an Alternative to the LDP?**

<Required Readings>

T.J.Pempel, “Between Pork and Productivity: The Collapse of the Liberal

Democratic Party,” *Journal of Japanese Studies* 36:2 (Summer 2010), pp.227-

254.

Margarita Estevez-Abe, “Japan’s Shift toward a Westminster System,” *Asian Survey*

46:4 (July/August 2006), pp. 632-651.

Michael Green, “The Democratic Party of Japan and the Future of the U.S.-Japan

Alliance,” *Journal of Japanese Studies* 37:1 (Winter 2011), pp.91-116.

Miura, Lee, and Weiner, 2005, “Who are the DPJ?: Policy Positioning and

Recruitment Strategy,” *Asian Perspective*, 29(1): 49-77.

<Recommended Readings>

Cheol Hee Park, “Bloodless Revolution,” *Global Asia* (January 2010)

Michael Green, “Japan’s Confused Revolution” *The Washington Quarterly* 33:1

(January 2010), pp. 3-19.

Yoichi Funabashi, “Tokyo’s Trials,” *Foreign Affairs* 88:6 (Nov/Dec. 2009)

Kenneth Mori and McElwain and Steven Reed, “Japanese Politics in the Koizumi

Era: Temporary Anomaly or a Paradigm Shift,” in Steven Reed, Kenneth McElwain, and Kay Shimizu, eds. *Political Change in Japan* (Stanford: APARC, 2009), pp.281-292.

**October 8 LDP’s Return and Abe’s Reemergence as Prime Minister**

<Required Readings>

Cheol Hee Park, “Shifting Policy Axes of the DPJ and Reversal of Inter-Party

Competition,” in Cheol Hee Park. ed. *The Rise and Fall of the DPJ* (Seoul: Seoul National University Press, 2014) (in Korean)

Yuihchi Hosoya, “Japan’s Two Strategies for East Asia,” *Asia-Pacific Review* 20:2

(November 2013), pp. 146-156.

<Recommended Readings>

**October 15. Dismantling Postwar Japanese System?**

<Required Readings>

Yoshihide Soeya, *Japan as a Middle Power*

Shinichi Kitaoka, “Peace in the Modern Era and the Right of Collective Self-Defense,”

*Asia Pacific Review* 20:2 (November 2013), 81-95.

<Recommended Readings>

**October 22. *Mid-term Essay***

Discuss: “Why did the LDP lose power in 2009 and could come back to power in

2012?” (5 pages)

**October 29. Japanese Foreign Policy in the Context of the US-Japan Alliance**

<Required Readings>

George Packard, “The U.S.-Japan Security Treaty at 50 Still a Grand Bargain,”

*Foreign Affairs* 89:2 (Mar/April 2010)

William Grimes, “Institutionalized Inertia: Japanese Foreign Policy in the Post Cold

War World,” in G. John Ikenberry and Michael Mastanduno, eds. *International Relations Theory and the Asia-Pacific* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2003), pp. 353-386.

Takashi Inoguchi and Paul Bacon, “Rethinking Japan as an Ordinary Country,” in G.

John Ikenberry and Chung-in Moon, eds. *The United States and Northeast Asia* (New York: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2008), pp. 79-98.

Tomohito Shinoda, *Koizumi Diplomacy: Japan’s Kantei Approach to Foreign and Defense*

*Affairs* (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2007), chapters, 2,4,6.

<Recommended Readings>

Michael Green, *Japan’s Reluctant Realism* (New York: Palgrave, 2001), chapters 1 & 9.

Thomas Berger, Mike Mochizuki, and Jitsuo Tsuchiyama, *Japan in International*

*Politics: the Foreign Policies of an Adaptive State* (Boulder: Lynn Rienner, 2007),

concluding chapter

Mike Mochizuki, “American and Japanese Strategic Debates: The Need for a New

Synthesis,” in Mike Mochizuki, ed. *Toward a True Alliance* (Washington DC: The Brookings Institution Press, 1997), pp. 43-82.

**November 5. Japanese Security Policy**

<Required Readings>

Eric Heginbotham and Richard Samuels, “Mercantile Realism and Japanese Foreign

Policy,” *International Security* 22:4 (Spring 1998).

Jennifer Lind, “Pacifism or Passing the Buck? Testing Theories of Japanese Security

Policy,” *International Security* 29:1 (Summer 2004), pp. 92-121.

David Arase, “Japan, the Active State: Security Policy after 9/11,” *Asian Survey* 47:4

(July/August 2007), pp. 560-583.

Richard Samuels, “Securing Japan: The Current Discourse,” *Journal of Japanese*

*Studies* 33:1 (2007), pp. 125-152.

<Recommended Readings>

Thomas Berger, “From Sword to Chrysanthemum: Japan’s Culture of Anti-

Militarism,” *International Security* 17:4 (Spring 1993), pp. 119-150.

Yoshinobu Yamamoto, “Japan’s Activism Lite: Bandwagoning the United States,” in

Byung-kook Kim and Anthony Jones, eds. *Power and Security in Northeast Asia* (New York: Lyle and Rienner, 2007), pp. 127-166.

Natsuyo Ishibashi, “The Dispatch of Japan’s Self-Defense Forces to Iraq,” *Asian*

*Survey* 47:5 (September/Ocotber 2007), pp. 766-789.

Andrew Oros, *Normalizing Japan: Politics, Identity and the Evolution of Security Practice*

(Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2008)

Christopher Hughes, *Japan’s Remilitarization* (London: IISS, 2009), chapters 1 & 6.

**November 12. Japan in Asian Regionalism**

<Required Readings>

Gilbert Rozman, “Internationalism and Asianism in Japanese Strategic Thought

from Meiji to Heisei,” *Japanese Journal of Political Science* 9:2 (August 2008),

pp.209-232.

Akiko Fukushima, “Japan’s Perspective on Asian Regionalism,” in Michael Green

and Bates Gill, eds. *Asia’s New Multilateralism* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2009), pp. 103-127.

Yul Sohn, “Japan’s New Regionalism: China Shock, Values and the East Asian

Community,” *Asian Survey* 50:3 (May/June 2010), pp. 497-519.

Chien-Peng Chung, “Japan’s Involvement in Asia Centered Regional Forums in the

Context of Relations with China and the U.S.,” *Asian Survey* 51:3 (May/June 2011), pp. 407-428.

<Recommended Readings>

Michael Green, “Japan in Asia,” in David Shambaugh and Michael Yahuda, eds.

*International Relations of Asia* (New York: Rowman and Littlefield, 2008), pp. 170-194.

Richard Samuels, “Japan’s Goldilocks Strategy,” *The Washington Quarterly* (Autumn

2006)

Kenneth B. Pyle, *The Japanese Question: Power and Purpose in a New Era* (Washington

DC: AEI Press, 1996)

**November 19. IJS Day Conference**

**November 26. Historical Controversy in Japanese Political Context**

<Required Readings>

Jennifer Lind, *Sorry State: Apologies in International Politics* (Ithaca: Cornell University

Press, 2008), chapter 2.

Cheol Hee Park, “Historical Memory and the Resurgence of Nationalism: A Korean

Perspective,” in Tsuyoshi Hasegawa and Kazuhiko Togo, eds. *East Asia’s Haunted Present* (Westport: Prager Security International, 2008), pp. 190-204.

Kimura Kan, “How Can We Cope With Historical Disputes?” in Marie Soderberg,

ed. *Changing Power Relations in Northeast Asia* (London: Routledge, 2011), pp.19-38.

Mikyoung Kim, “Myths, Milieu, and Facts: History Textbook Controversies in

Northeast Asia,” in Tsuyoshi Hasegawa and Kazuhiko Togo, eds. *East Asia’s*

*Haunted Present* (Westport: Prager Security International, 2008), pp.94-118.

<Recommended Readings>

Debating Sorry States, Journal of East Asian Studies

Cheol Hee Park, “Getting Out or Getting In: U.S. Strategic Options in the Historical

Controversy between Its Allis,”in Gilbert Rozman, ed. *U.S. Leadership, History, and Bilateral Relations in Northeast Asia* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011), pp. 124-142.

**December 3. Japan’s Challenge in the Future**

<Required Readings>

Richard Samuels*, Securing Japan: Tokyo’s Grand Strategy and the Future of East*

*Asia* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2007), chapter 1.

Frances Rosenbluth and Michael Thies, *Japan Transformed* (Princeton: Princeton

University Press, 2010), chapter 7.

Steven Vogel, *Japan Remodeled* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2006), chapter 6.

Robert Pekkanen*, Japan’s Dual Civil Society* (Stanford: Stanford University Press,

2006), chapter 6.

<Recommended Readings>

Kenneth Pyle, *Japan Rising: The Resurgence of Japanese Power and Purpose* (New

York: Public Affairs, 2009), chapter 9.

**December 10. Abe’s International Strategy and East Asia (Discussion)**

* ***Final Paper Due by Noon on December 17 (No late submission is allowed.)***